there may always be a few complaints regarding delay, non-sanctioning of loans, faulty distribution of loans and available of loans by non-eligible persons. However, specific complaints whenever received are got looked into with a view to take suitable remedial action.

Development of Tourist sports in Maharashtra

1101. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV: Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that internationally famous Ajanta and Ellora caves have not been included in the important tourist spots map of India,

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what are the important tourist places in Maharashtra and what efforts have been made by Government to develop the identified tourist spots in that State?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TOURISM SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) and (b) Ajanta and Ellora Caves are included in the tourist map of India.

(c) The important tourist centres in Maharashtra identified in consultation with the State Government are:

Bombay, Pune, Ahmednagar, Aurangabad (Ajanta & Ellora) Nasik, Murud, Janjira, Ganpatiphule, Vengurla, Nagpur, Ramtok, Wardha (Sevagram), Chandrapur (Tadoba National Park).

These centres are being developed with the combined resources of State. Centre and the private sector. The State Government is providing transportation facilities conducted tours, accommodation facilities and other tourist infrastructure facilities for those centres identified. The Central Department of Tourism has sanctioned funds for strengthening of Elephanta Jetty and for the development of Ajanta Foot Hills.

Losses suffered by the Ashok Travels and Tours and ITDC Hotels

1102. SHRIMATI USHA MALHOTRA:

SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV:

Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TOURISM be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2764 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 22nd August, 1985 and state:

(a) what are the reasons which have led Ashok Travels and Tours and the India Tourism Development Corporation Hotels to incur net loss of Rs. 22.59 lakhs and Rs. 55.47 lakhs respectively during 1984-85;

(b) what steps are being taken by Government to reduce these losses; and

(c) whether these Units and Hotels are expected to earn profits during the current year or in the next year?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TOURISM (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) The main reasons for the losses are:

—Operation of un-economic transport units.

—Un-healthy competition from private operators with low establishment expenses as compared to ITDC.

—General decline in tourist traffic etc. due to disturbed condition in the country during peak tourist season.

—Setting up of three new hotels in Delhi, which are under gestation period entailing financial burden on account of heavy interest and depreciation.

—surplus hotel accommodation in certain cities.

—location of certain hotels for purely promotional purposes.